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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES AFFECTING THE VETERANS' COMMUNITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-140aa of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 As used in this part:

4 (1) "Agent orange" means the herbicide composed of 2,4,5-
5 trichlorophenoxyacetic acid and 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid;

6 [(2) "Commission" means the Vietnam Herbicides Information
7 Commission established under this part;]

8 [(3)] (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

9 [(4)] (3) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

10 [(5)] (4) "Veteran" means a person who (A) was a resident of the
11 state at the time of his induction into the armed forces of the United
12 States or is currently a resident of the state and (B) served during the

13 Vietnam era, as defined in section 27-103; and

14 [(6)] (5) "Vietnam herbicide" means any herbicide, defoliant, or other
15 causative agent, including, but not limited to, agent orange, used in the
16 Vietnam conflict.

17 Sec. 2. Section 27-140ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

19 (a) A physician who has primary responsibility for treating a
20 veteran who believes he may have been exposed to Vietnam herbicides
21 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, shall, at the
22 request of the veteran, submit a report to the Department of Veterans'
23 Affairs. If there is no physician having primary responsibility for
24 treating the veteran, the hospital treating the veteran shall, at the
25 request of the veteran, submit the report to the [commission]
26 Department of Veterans' Affairs. Any report of a physician or hospital
27 shall include: (1) Any symptoms of exposure to a Vietnam herbicide;
28 (2) diagnosis of the veteran; and (3) methods of treatment prescribed.

29 (b) The identity of a veteran about whom a report has been made
30 under this section may not be disclosed unless the veteran consents to
31 the disclosure. Any statistical information collected under this part
32 shall be public information.

33 (c) Any physician or hospital subject to this section who complies
34 with the provisions of this section may not be held civilly or criminally
35 liable for providing the information required by this section.

36 Sec. 3. Sections 27-140bb and 27-140cc of the general statutes are
37 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-140aa
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	27-140ee
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

VA *Joint Favorable C/R*

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